

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 3, 18 and 19 without prejudice.

C1 sub 1a
1. (Amended) [A recombinant] ~~An isolated nucleic acid encoding a DRG11 protein, wherein said nucleic acid hybridizes under high stringency conditions to a complement of a nucleic acid molecule having a sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1, and wherein said DRG11 protein is characterized by its natural expression in sensory neurons and dorsal horn neurons of the spinal cord and wherein its natural expression is absent in non-neuronal cells, sympathetic neurons and ventricular neurons of the spinal cord.~~

sub F1
2. (Twice Amended) [A recombinant] ~~An isolated nucleic acid according to claim 1 encoding the amino acid sequence depicted in Figure 3 (SEQ ID NO:2) [2 (SEQ ID NO:1)].~~

sub F2
3. (Twice Amended) [A recombinant] ~~An isolated nucleic acid according to claim 1 comprising the nucleic acid depicted in Figure 2 (SEQ ID NO:1).~~

C2
4. (Amended) ~~An isolated nucleic acid according to claim 1 operably linked to an [An] expression vector comprising transcriptional and translational regulatory DNA [operably linked to DNA encoding a DRG11 protein].~~

C3
5. (Amended) ~~A method of producing a DRG11 protein comprising:~~